

**THE GREATEST**  
Republican Convention Held in  
this State for Many Years  
**WAS ASSEMBLED AT FAIRMONT**  
Yesterday, Nearly Every County  
Having Been Represented,  
**SURPRISING THE MOST SANGUINE.**  
Harmony with a Big H Character-  
izes the Deliberations  
**AND THE ACTIONS OF THE LEAGUE.**  
Not a Hall in the Mountain City Equal  
to Accommodating the Vast Gather-  
ing—Enthusiastic Overflow Meeting  
Held While the Convention is De-  
liberating—Fairmont Taxed to its  
Utmost Capacity—Ex-Secretary El-  
kins' Speech Challenges the Admi-  
nistration of All—The Convention Free  
from Factional Fights and Petty  
Jealousies—Elliott Elected Presi-  
dent After a Spirited Contest—De-  
legates to the National Convention  
at Denver.

*Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.*  
FAIRMONT, W. VA., June 19.—This has  
been a red letter day in the history of  
West Virginia Republicanism. The  
sixth annual meeting of the State Re-  
publican League brought together from  
every section of this mountain state the  
largest and most representative number  
of men that has assembled at a political  
convention of either party in West Vir-  
ginia for years. The splendid character  
of the gathering and its far reaching ef-  
fect can scarcely be exaggerated. It was  
a veritable outpouring of the people  
from more than fifty of the fifty-four  
counties to testify their faith in the  
party that stands for American inter-  
ests against the world, and to express  
concern of the present dominant party  
in our national affairs, which has made  
such a miserable failure of it. It was  
all the more significant because this  
great gathering came together without  
the incentive of a scramble for the  
offices, but simply to renew other al-  
legiance to Republican principles, and  
to organize for the campaign that is to  
come in the fall.

**HARMONY REIGNS.**  
Harmony with a big H reigned su-  
preme. There were no factional con-  
tests to fight, no sordid but all were  
inspired with but a single pur-  
pose. The grand success of the conven-  
tion was a surprise to Republicans and  
a revelation to Democrats. It was so  
large that the largest public hall of the  
town was entirely too small to hold  
it, and it was obliged to adjourn to the  
great audience chamber of the chief  
Normal institution of the state which  
is located here. And although it ac-  
commodates 1000 people even then  
overflow meetings composed of hun-  
dreds who had traveled tens, scores and  
hundreds of miles had to be held on the  
campus while the main convention  
transacted its business in the hall.

**MASS MEETING LAST NIGHT.**  
With all this the people did not seem  
to have their fill, and to-night while I  
write a monster open air mass meeting  
is being held in court house square and  
is being addressed by impromptu  
speakers, Capt. B. B. Dovenor, C. R.  
Hart, Col. Moore, G. W. Atkinson and  
others being pressed into service.  
In order to give an idea of the size of  
the crowd it may be stated that Taylor  
county is here, 300 strong, accompanied  
by a brass band, Ohio county over a  
hundred, Monongalia and Preston and  
Harrison over a hundred each and other  
counties with delegations of from ten to  
fifty each. On the harmony that pre-  
vailed it is unnecessary to comment.

**THE REGISTER'S BREAK.**  
The Register this morning attempted  
to create the impression that somehow  
or other the issue of the contest be-  
tween Capt. Dovenor and Hon. G. W.  
Atkinson for Congress in the First dis-  
trict was involved in the contest for the  
presidency of the League. It was stated  
that Elliott was an Atkinson man and  
that Dovenor had a candidate. The  
best evidence of falsity of this is found  
in the proceedings of the convention,  
where it may be seen that there were  
no such lines drawn. Atkinson and  
Dovenor men joined hands in the sup-  
port of Mr. Elliott and helped to elect  
him. This may be seen in Ohio county's  
vote.

Mr. Atkinson and Capt. Dovenor were  
both here, but their contest was not in  
the remotest degree connected with  
anything done or not done in the con-  
vention. I may incidentally remark  
here that during a carriage drive to  
which prominent members of the con-  
vention and newspaper men were  
treated this morning by citizens of  
Fairmont, over the new portion of this  
rapidly growing and booming city,  
Capt. Dovenor, Mr. Atkinson and Mr.  
Hart occupied the same carriage. It  
is no doubt surprising the Register re-  
porter to note on the return to the hotel  
there was no evidence that a duel nor even  
ordinary fist fight had occurred, and  
that Capt. Dovenor and Mr. Atkinson  
were even engaged in a friendly conver-  
sation. Our Democratic friends will  
no doubt be disappointed on reading this  
news.

**THE ONLY EXCITING EVENT.**  
The only ripple of excitement in the  
convention was caused by Mr. Martin's  
objection to the anti-immigration resolu-  
tion in the platform, which he did  
not think was radical enough on that  
point. The convention, however, after  
quite a lively debate, thought that the  
resolution covered the ground com-  
pletely and wisely, and Mr. Martin's  
vote was the only one recorded against  
the adoption of the resolution.  
The Wheeling contingent left on a  
special train at 10:30 to-night, and ex-  
pected to reach home in the wee sma' hours  
of the morning.  
**FAIRMONT HOSPITALITY.**  
All the delegates have nothing but  
words of praise to-night for the hospi-

talities they have received at the hands  
of people of Fairmont. Republicans  
and Democrats alike extended them a  
cordial welcome. Mayor Stone and the  
local committee were increasing in their  
attention. The convention was larger  
than they expected, but nobody is go-  
ing home regretting that he came. The  
Baltimore & Ohio railroad officials have  
the undying gratitude of those along  
that line for giving them a special train  
to-night and for other courtesies ex-  
tended.  
G. A. D.

**THE CONVENTION.**  
Morning Session—Preliminary Proceed-  
ings—Letters from McKinley and Reed.  
*Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.*  
FAIRMONT, W. VA., June 19.—Fair-  
mont awoke this morning with one of  
the biggest conventions that ever as-  
sembled in the state on her hands. The  
number of delegates present was far  
beyond the wildest expectations of  
everybody, and when the time for the  
meeting arrived, 11 o'clock, the rink,  
which it was supposed would amply  
accommodate the 1,000 delegates ex-  
pected, was found to be too small by  
one-half for the 2,000 who clamored for  
admission. It was a crush, and the con-  
fusion was very great in consequence.  
It was a physical impossibility for the  
county delegations to be seated together.  
The aisles were packed with a mass  
of struggling humanity. It was seen at  
once that the convention would either  
have to be tripped down to working  
proportions or adjourn to a larger hall.  
Just previous to calling the conven-  
tion to order that old Republican war  
horse, Ex-Governor Pierpont was espied  
on the stage and immediately about  
went up for him. The governor arose  
and was tendered a mighty ovation.  
The governor said it was not his turn,  
that it was time to call the convention  
to order and he would only say a word  
while the assembly was waiting for the  
appearance of Vice President Hooten  
who had not yet appeared. The vet-  
eran ex-governor, despite the weight of  
his four score years, was in splendid  
form and addressed the convention  
briefly with something of his old time  
fire. He referred to the issues of the  
campaign and his feeling for the Demo-  
cratic party was loudly cheered. Dur-  
ing his speech ex-Secretary Elkins ap-  
peared on the stage in company with  
ex-Commissioner Mason and was  
greeted with applause.

**DOWN TO BUSINESS.**  
Secretary James K. Hall read a  
letter from President Ed. Rock-  
er, saying that important legal  
business detained him at home, and  
introduced Vice President J. E. Hooten,  
of Marshall county, as the presiding  
officer. Col. Hooten rapped the conven-  
tion to order and after expressing his  
regrets at the enforced absence of the  
President, made a brief speech. "This  
is a wonderful convention," he said,  
"when it is considered that it is not an  
assembly of office holders and office  
seekers, button-holding delegates. It  
is a grand outpouring of the people  
intent upon one purpose and that pur-  
pose the redemption of West Virginia.  
He referred to the depression of busi-  
ness, reviewed the past year and a half  
of the Democratic administration, say-  
ing that the presence of Grover Cleve-  
land in the White House had given the  
country an industrial nightmare. The  
people of the state want to vote this  
year worse than ever before and that is  
the meaning of this monster assemblage  
of people from all over this beautiful  
state."

Hon. W. S. Morodith, of Fairmont,  
on behalf of the citizens of Fairmont, elo-  
quently welcomed the delegates to the  
city. The welcome, he said, was not a  
partisan one, but was on the part of all  
the people of Marion county, regardless  
of party.

**LETTERS FROM THE ABSENT.**  
Letters were then read from Governor  
McKinley, of Ohio, ex-Speaker Thomas  
B. Reed and National Secretary Hum-  
phries. McKinley's letter was read first  
and was received with wild enthusiasm.  
Reed's letter was next read and was re-  
ceived with a similar manifestation.  
"What's the matter with McKinley?"  
"He's all right," and "What's the mat-  
ter with Reed?" "He's all right," in  
turn went up from all parts of the house.  
National Secretary Humphries' sugges-  
tion that Stenben B. Elkins be selected  
to head the West Virginia delegation to  
Denver was loudly applauded.

Secretary Hall announced that owing  
to the unexpected immensity of the  
convention the rink, as large as it is,  
was too small for the crowd and that  
the local committee had arranged for  
the State Normal school building for  
the afternoon session. That hall, it was  
said, had seating capacity for 1800.

**COUNTIES REPRESENTED.**  
The roll of counties was called and it  
was ascertained that nearly every  
county in the state was represented by  
from one to ten clubs. The following  
counties responded: Barbour, Berkeley,  
Braxton, Cabell, Doddridge, Fayette,  
Grant, Hampshire, Hardy, Harrison,  
Jackson, Jefferson, Kanawha, Lewis,  
Logan, Mason, Marion, Marshall, Min-  
eral, Monongalia, Morgan, Nicholas,  
Ohio, Pocahontas, Pleasants, Preston,  
Putnam, Randolph, Ritchie, Taylor,  
Tucker, Tyler, Upshur.

On motion it was decided to do away  
with the committee on resolutions.  
Delegate Martin, of Wheeling, moved  
that the chair be authorized to report a  
committee of five on resolutions, and it  
was unanimously adopted. Following  
was the committee: Charles B. Hart,  
First district; John H. Holt, Second  
district; John B. Floyd, Third district;  
A. B. White, Fourth district; and W. M.  
O. Dawson for the state at large. It  
was decided to refer all resolutions to  
the committee without reading. The  
convention adjourned until 2 o'clock.

**AFTERNOON SESSION.**  
Biting Resolutions Adopted—Ex-Sec-  
retary Elkins' Speech—Election of Offi-  
cers.  
The assembling of the convention in  
its new quarters at two o'clock was not  
slow. The delegates seemed anxious to  
get down to work and great crowds be-  
gan to pour across the bridge into the  
new building where is located the big  
new normal building, long before the  
hour of meeting. The hall is large and  
comfortable, well ventilated. It filled  
rapidly with the delegates, each suc-  
ceeding county delegation being enthu-  
siastically cheered as it marched into  
the hall. When the bell rang for order  
there were fifteen hundred delegates in

their seats and hundreds more were  
crowding into the doors. It was an in-  
spiring scene that the reporters locked  
down upon from the stage. A sea of  
faces, good humor and enthusiasm  
pictured in every one of them. One of  
the many remarkable scenes of this  
truly remarkable convention was oc-  
casioned impromptu at the opening. A  
colored quartette from the Ohio county  
delegation headed by that well-known  
and patriotic citizen, Col. Bill Turner,  
mounted the stage and to a piano ac-  
companiment sang "My Country 'Tis  
Thee." The applause had scarcely died  
away when Hon. S. B. Elkins entered  
the hall and walked up the middle  
aisle toward the stage and was greeted  
with a rousing ovation.

The report of the committee on resolu-  
tions was the first item of business  
called for, and Chairman Charles Bur-  
dett Hart read the report as follows:

**THE RESOLUTIONS.**  
The State Republican League of West Virginia,  
in its sixth annual convention, assembled, re-  
affirms the platform of principles adopted by  
the Republican national convention of 1892.  
We endorse the policy of the league, which has  
promoted and protected the industrial develop-  
ment of this country, which has fostered the  
general welfare in this day of Democratic  
falling prices and declining wages. As Republi-  
cans we believe in fair compensation for labor of  
all kinds, whether of the country or the city.  
We point to the difference between the  
rewards of labor under Republican protec-  
tion and those under Democratic trade and  
tariff. We believe in the protection of the  
general welfare of the people, and in the  
rebuilding of the people with this con-  
dition, happily hitherto unknown to this gen-  
eration.

We specifically denounce the Democratic  
party for its representing and violent antago-  
nism to the industrial and commercial de-  
velopment of this country, whose  
product is indispensable to the commercial  
independence of the republic.

We denounce the Democratic party for con-  
spiring with the most infamous and corrupt  
element of the trusts to take from the people an  
annual tribute of millions of dollars to be  
divided between the stockholders and the De-  
mocratic party.

We denounce the Democratic party for try-  
ing to put on the country a tariff scheme pro-  
jected on sectional lines and inspired by a malicious  
and unscrupulous policy.

We denounce the Democratic party for its  
attempt in Congress to destroy the principle of  
reciprocity, which has opened to the products  
of our country every market and created  
markets, without detriment to our laborers or  
manufacturers.

We denounce the treatment of American  
farmers and stockmen by the Democratic com-  
mittee of the senate, which, in violation of every  
principle of justice and of all legislative and  
constitutional rights, denied them a hearing when they  
desired to be heard on a question of their own  
rights.

We denounce the present Democratic adminis-  
tration for its blunders and failures have ex-  
ceeded the worst of any administration since  
the founding of the republic.

We denounce the administration of the  
present bureau as a deliberate betrayal of  
the welfare of the nation and of the people.  
We believe in the protection of the nation and  
of the people, and we believe in the protection  
of the nation and of the people.

We favor such amendment of the naturaliza-  
tion laws as shall require a longer residence in  
the country before citizenship shall be granted  
and stricter investigation into the antecedents  
of the applicant.

We favor bimetallism. Silver, as well as gold,  
is one of the great products of the United States.  
Its coinage and use as a circulating medium  
should be steadily maintained and constantly  
encouraged by the national government, and we  
advocate such a policy as will most speedily re-  
store to silver its rightful place as a money metal.

We denounce the avowed purpose of the Demo-  
cratic leaders to restore the era of "wild-cat"  
and "red-dog" money by repealing the prohibi-  
tory ten per cent tax on state bank notes. All  
money, of whatever kind, should be under na-  
tional and not state control.

We favor the Democratic member of  
the house from the Second district of this  
state, who introduced the bill which took away  
the increasing use of silver by the repeal of the  
so-called Sherman act, and who has voted for  
forty or more kinds of local state money and en-  
dorsed "wild-cat" money as preferable to silver.

We denounce the extraordinary of the legisla-  
tive branch of the state as unconstitutional, and  
depriving counties of their local autonomy and  
representation in the halls of legislation.

We favor a cordial fellowship in the Re-  
publican party, and we believe in the protection  
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the finest conventions he had ever at-  
tended anywhere. He referred inci-  
dentally to the peculiar campaign now  
going on Senator Camden and Ex-Governor  
Wilson for the United States sena-  
torship and the part that is being  
taken by United States deputy mar-  
shals. His speech throughout was  
listened to with the closest attention, and  
was frequently interrupted by enthu-  
siastic applause, while his frequent witty  
allusions kept the great convention in a  
splendid humor.  
[Mr. Elkins' speech will be found on  
page 3.]

**OVERFLOW MEETING.**  
While Mr. Elkins was speaking a  
large overflow meeting was being ad-  
dressed on the campus outside of the  
building by several speakers. This  
crowd numbered fully a thousand and  
was addressed by G. W. Atkinson,  
Capt. B. B. Dovenor, A. G. Dayton, W.  
R. Wiley and others, and at the con-  
clusion of his speech in the convention  
hall Mr. Elkins spoke to the overflow,  
being received with great enthusiasm.

**A PLEASANT INCIDENT.**  
At the conclusion of Mr. Elkins  
speech one of the most pleasing inci-  
dents of the day occurred. Upon the  
stage sat an aged man who was un-  
known to most of the convention. He  
had taken a great interest in the pro-  
ceedings and was a close listener to  
Mr. Elkins' speech. Stuart F. Reed, of  
Harrison, was recognized and introduced  
the aged veteran as Mr. Thomas P.  
Allen, of Taylor county, the oldest Re-  
publican in the United States. One  
hundred and three winters had whitened  
his head and he is still hale and  
heartily enough to come from his home  
in Taylor county to attend the conven-  
tion.

At the old man came forward the  
convention arose to its feet and cheered  
itself hoarse. Mr. Allen spoke a few  
words of thanks and was cheered again.

Nominations for officers of the league  
being in order, Hon. George F. Evans,  
of Berkeley county, with an eloquent  
speech, nominated U. S. Grant Litzer,  
of Martinsburg, T. M. Wade, of Brax-  
ton, placed in nomination C. D. Elliott,  
of that county, Mr. Northcott, of Cab-  
ell, nominated Mr. Adams, of Hunting-  
ton. David Martin, of Ohio county,  
named Campbell Richards, of Wheeling.  
After each had been seconded several  
times, the speeches developing the fact  
that the convention contained some  
rare oratorical talent, the balloting be-  
gan, the apportionment of votes being  
on the vote of 1892.

**ELLIOTT ELECTED PRESIDENT.**  
The principal fight was between  
Pitzer and Elliott, the latter leading at  
the start and keeping up the lead to the  
finish, though at times Pitzer pushed  
him hard, and the contest was close.  
Before the total was known Mineral  
county changed its vote to Elliott, and  
Ohio county, which had given its 51  
votes to Richards, changed to Elliott,  
electing him. Before the changes the  
vote stood: Elliott, 273; Pitzer, 180;  
Adams, 113; Richards, 51. The final  
vote was Elliott, 324; Pitzer, 180;  
Adams, 113.

The result was received with cheers  
and the vote was made unanimous.  
Mr. Elliott was escorted to the chair  
and amid much enthusiasm briefly  
tendered his thanks.

For first vice president Marshall  
county nominated Mr. Hooten, the  
present incumbent, who declined. For  
Ohio county Mr. Hart placed H. C.  
Richards in nomination, and on motion  
his election was made by acclamation.  
Mr. Richards was called for and de-  
livered a brief and stirring speech of  
thanks. For second vice president U.  
S. G. Pitzer, of Berkeley, was elected by  
acclamation without the formality of a  
nominating speech.

**PITZER'S SPEECH.**  
The convention went wild when he  
appeared on the stage and made one of  
his characteristically eloquent speech.  
He had the convention from the start  
and as he warmed up every sentence  
was greeted with uproarious applause  
and cheers. For third vice president,  
C. P. Dorr, whose name is more familiar  
to those who have attended past Demo-  
cratic conventions, and never was before  
heard in a Republican convention, was  
elected by acclamation. Mr. Dorr's  
speech of acceptance caused the greatest  
enthusiasm. For fourth vice presi-  
dent, J. S. Davies was also elected by  
acclamation and his speech of acceptance  
was enthusiastically received.

For secretary Thomas P. Adams, of  
Mineral; J. W. Stuck, of Doddridge; W.  
B. Burnside, of Upshur; and James W.  
White, of Preston, were placed in nomi-  
nation. The first ballot was closed be-  
tween two leaders as follows: Stuck,  
238; Burnside, 250; White, 31;  
Adams, 7. The second ballot was  
Burnside, 262; Stuck, 204; Adams, 14;  
Mr. Stuck was elected. For Treasurer  
P. P. Dobbins, the present incumbent  
was re-elected.

A resolution was adopted extending  
the league's thanks to the use of the  
Normal school executive committee for  
the use of the building. A motion was  
carried that each senatorial district  
select its members for the executive com-  
mittee and hand them to the secretary.

**DELEGATES TO DENVER.**  
The election of delegates to the na-  
tional league was then proceeded with.  
From the First district, M. G. Holmes,  
of Harrison; George Wise and Peter  
Buchman, of Wheeling, and M. A.  
Walton, of Mountdeville, were unani-  
mously chosen. From the Second dis-  
trict, Samuel Grawman, of Taylor; J. B.  
Fitch, of Morgantown; A. P. Kitzell,  
of Keyser, and L. C. Gerling, of Martins-  
burg, were unanimously elected. From  
the Third district, James H. Hanson,  
of Buckhannon; J. H. Gaines, of Fayette-  
ville; G. W. Arbogast, of Clay C. H.,  
and J. E. Dana were elected unani-  
mously. From the Fourth district, J.  
C. McElloth, of Ravenswood; Frank  
S. Smith, of Parkersburg; J. L. Cald-  
well, of Huntington, and J. B. Menzger,  
of Point Pleasant, were unanimously  
elected. For delegates-at-large, S. L.  
Elkins, of Randolph; C. B. Fleming,  
of Fairmont; Colonel William Exley,  
of Wheeling; C. O. Smith, of Spencer;  
Warren Miller, of Jackson C. H., and  
John Cooper, of Brannwell, were elected.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.**  
Following is the executive commit-  
tee as far as made up by President Elliott:  
First district, George Lambert, New  
Cumberland; Second, John Roland,  
Mountdeville; Third, M. H. Willis, West  
Union; Fifth, John L. Whittier, Point  
Pleasant; Sixth, Elliott Northcott,  
Huntington; Eighth, Vincent Callaway,  
Hinton; Ninth, J. D. Sutton, Braxton  
C. H.; Tenth, W. T. Burnside, Buck-  
hannon; Eleventh, J. G. St. Clair, Grai-  
ton; Twelfth, T. P. Adams, Keyser;

Thirteenth, Lewis Sargent, Berkeley  
Springs.  
Hon. S. B. Elkins was selected as  
West Virginia's member of the national  
committee.  
The following resolutions were ad-  
opted:  
Resolved, That the thanks of this convention  
are hereby extended to the people of Fairmont  
for their hospitality, and to the various rail-  
roads for their kind fare rates.

A resolution was also adopted thank-  
ing the Republicans and citizens gen-  
erally of Fairmont for their hospitality,  
and the convention adjourned, the time  
and place of next meeting being left  
with the executive committee.

**DE VRIES-HAMILTON.**  
A Brilliant Event at the McClure House  
Last Evening.  
Last evening at the McClure the en-  
tire parlor floor of which was reserved  
and beautifully decorated for the occa-  
sion, the marriage of Mr. Walter H.  
De Vries, a nephew of Captain  
Davies, of Pittsburgh, and Miss  
Katherine E. Hamilton, the lovely and  
accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs.  
A. M. Hamilton, of this city,  
took place. The invited guests be-  
gan to congregate shortly before  
the hour set for the ceremony,  
8 o'clock. The ceremony took place in  
one of the parlors which was decorated  
by a master hand with flowers and  
plants in profusion. Rev. Dr. A.  
Cunningham, of the First Presbyterian  
church, officiated. Miss Grace Ham-  
ilton, a sister of the bride was brides-  
maid, and Harry B. De Vries, a brother  
of the groom was groomsmen. Misses  
Sara and Elizabeth McClure were the  
flower girls, and Messrs. R.  
T. De Vries, Jr., and M. Nelson Cecil.  
The bride appeared radiantly beautiful  
in cream silk, rare lace trimmings and  
carrying white roses. The bridegroom  
wore pink silk, lace trimmings and pink  
roses. The flower girls were attired in  
white.

After the marriage ceremony the  
party partook of a wedding supper at  
the McClure, and last night the newly  
married couple left for the east on the  
usual tour. Among the out-of-town  
guests present were Mr. F. A. Richmond,  
of Mannington; Mr. H. J. Hutchinson,  
of Pittsburgh; Mr. A. J. Lang and wife,  
of Wilmington, Del.; Mr. E. D. Smith  
and Mr. and Mrs. Gregory, of Pitts-  
burgh.

**MINERS' CONVENTION.**  
National Officers Accused of Being in Col-  
lusion With the Operators.  
COLUMBUS, O., June 19.—At the morn-  
ing session of the miners' convention  
nothing whatever was done, and the  
afternoon session was devoted wholly  
to talk. After District President Adams  
and Secretary Pearce had explained the  
objects of the convention National Presi-  
dent McBride made an explanation.  
He said Adams was an  
unsafe leader, and the miners of Ohio  
would realize it fully in three months.  
Adams might be sane on some things,  
McBride stated, but he was insane on  
mining questions.

Adams followed with a heated and  
personal reply. It was openly charged  
in the convention that the national of-  
ficers has been in collusion with the  
operators, and had sold out to them.

The convention adjourned to to-mor-  
row without action, but the delegates  
are in favor of returning to work, as  
they say it is the only course open to  
them.

**THE TARIFF BILL.**  
Several Articles Taken From the Free List  
and Made Dutiable.  
WASHINGTON, D. C., June 19.—Sev-  
eral modifications proposed by Repub-  
licans to different paragraphs of the  
tariff bill were proposed in the senate  
and accepted by Mr. Jones on behalf of  
the finance committee and the Demo-  
cratic side of the senate.

The finance committee also agreed to  
Mr. Allison's request to place eggs on  
the dutiable list at three cents per  
dozen.

The reciprocity provision added by  
the finance committee to paragraph 516,  
placing agricultural implements on the  
free list, was agreed to.

Mr. Puffer ordered an amendment to  
strike salt from the free list and make  
it dutiable at 5 cents per 100 pounds.  
At this point the senate, at 6:30, went  
into executive session, and a few mo-  
ments later adjourned.

**Belmont Rioters Sentenced.**  
COLUMBUS, O., June 19.—Charles Helt,  
George Balliet, Michael Walsitt,  
Wm. Harmonson and August Helt, the  
Belmont county miners charged with  
interfering with trains on the Cleve-  
land, Lorain & Wheeling railroad  
in defiance of an order of court, pleaded  
guilty to-day and were sentenced to six  
months each in the Belmont county  
by Judge Taft.

**Livery Stable Burned.**  
*Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.*  
STUYVESANT, O., June 19.—T. A.  
Shay's livery stable, on Fifth street, was  
destroyed by fire to-night. The origin  
is supposed to be incendiary. A large  
number of vehicles, hay, grain, etc.,  
were burned. The residences of George  
A. Maxwell, alongside, was damaged.  
Loss six thousand dollars; partly in-  
sured.

**NEWS IN BRIEF.**  
President Cleveland has returned  
from his outing.  
The semi-monthly payment law of  
Ohio has been declared invalid.  
Tornadoes visited portions of South  
Dakota, Nebraska and Iowa yesterday  
entailing destruction of property and  
life.

The schooner Rose collided with an  
iceberg yesterday off the Newfoundland  
coast, and twelve of her crew were  
drowned.

The American railway union dele-  
gates defeated the proposition to admit  
negroes to the organization by a vote of  
113 to 102.

Informant Silt yesterday resumed his  
general narrative to the congressional  
investigating committee of the armor  
plate frauds at the Carnegie works.

The tariff leaders of the house are  
preparing to handle the tariff bill ex-  
pediently when it comes back to the  
house. It is expected in ten days.

The Republican convention of Cali-  
fornia, which assembled yesterday is  
the largest in the history of the state.  
854 delegates being present. M. M.  
Estes will be nominated for governor  
to-day.

**WHO IS THIS JOHN ROE?**  
A Mysterious Prisoner in the  
Hands of U. S. Officers.

**NO DEFINITE CHARGE PREFERRED**  
But he is Held on Suspicion of Being  
a Postoffice Robber—He has Sus-  
picious Articles in his Possession  
and Positively Refuses to tell his  
Name or Anything about Himself.

Yesterday a very interesting prisoner  
was brought to this city by United  
States officers. Recently a number of  
postoffices and stores have been robbed  
in western Pennsylvania and West Vir-  
ginia, and it will be remembered that  
eight of a gang who robbed the post-  
office at Marietta, Greene county, Pa.,  
were captured at Wellsburg, and several  
of them afterwards escaped. Descrip-  
tions were sent out over this part of the  
country, and all the officers asked to be  
on the alert to catch a bold and success-  
ful gang of thieves.

Constable J. M. Francis, of New Mar-  
tinsville, arrested a man there on suspi-  
cion. He was trying to sell postage  
stamps, a suspicious circumstance in  
itself. Squire Selby held him, and tele-  
graphed to Postmaster O'Kane here,  
who turned the telegram over to Post-  
office Inspector S. T. Hooten. He and  
Deputy Marshal Garden went down and  
brought the prisoner to Wheeling, and  
Commissioner Campbell held him for a  
hearing on the 23rd inst.

The charge is that affiant "believes  
and has reason to believe" that John  
Roe broke into and robbed a postoffice  
or tried to break into and rob a post-  
office.

John Roe is not the prisoner's name.  
He resolutely refuses to tell anybody  
what his name is or anything about him-  
self. He says he is between forty and  
fifty years old, that he is from an eastern  
state, and has worked at many employ-  
ments. He has a full beard and must-  
ache, sparse hair, and a thin, intelligent  
looking face. His hands are covered  
with scars, which he says he got by  
washing them in poisonous water. His  
talk is that of an intelligent gentleman.

He had in a silver match box a num-  
ber of postage stamps. He had also five or  
six pairs of eye glasses, some plain and  
some colored, and a number of collar  
buttons. All these were new. Among  
his other possessions were an old silver  
hunting-case repeater, of Swiss make,  
a thin piece of wood soaked in paraffine,  
apparently, so that when split off the  
width of a match it burns like a wax  
taper; a brown fuse, such as used often  
as a cigar lighter, an elegant new gold  
pen and several silver and gold pencils.

He had also two fine pen drawings,  
and he said he had worked on news-  
papers as an artist. There was not a  
scrap of anything about him to identify  
him. Something in his manner sug-  
gested a seafaring man, and an INTELLI-  
GENCE reporter asked him if he ever fol-  
lowed the sea. He answered promptly:  
"I have been a seafaring man."

Then, after a moment's thought, he  
added: "Always before the mast, of  
course." His manner, however, is not  
that of a common sailor.

He said he had been guilty of no  
wrong, and did not think he could be  
charged with any. When asked why  
he refused to tell his name, he said he  
had good reasons. A remark was made